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TO : Executive
VIA : ADSO
FROM : Chief, FBZ

DATE: 11 April 1949

~~AUTHORIZED TO DISCLOSE~~ - LANGUAGE LESSONS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Language Lessons

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REFERENCE: Confidential Funds Branch Regulations dated 1 February 1949;
Paragraph 10.1, Page 21

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25X1A9a 1. It is requested that permission be granted to Mr. John [REDACTED]
25X1A6a [REDACTED] our representative in [REDACTED] to take from station funds
the amount of \$25.00 to pay for 20 lessons in the [REDACTED] language. 25X1A6a

25X1A6a 2. It is the position of this branch that such language
study is operationally essential, and is justified to our satisfaction. In addition to the \$25.00 requested above, it is further requested that permission be granted to the Chief of Station, [REDACTED] to continue such language lessons utilizing operational funds, at a cost of approximately \$1.25 - \$2.00 per lesson, for a period of 10 months. At the end of this time, a review will be made to ascertain the operational necessity to continue such lessons.

25X1A6a 3. From now on it will probably be increasingly hazardous
and difficult for Americans in [REDACTED] to conduct operations, which means that anything done must rely, despite loss of both security and efficiency, on [REDACTED] personnel. The consequence of this is to place a desired emphasis on the necessity of not constricting the field of possible operations to those few [REDACTED] who can speak usable English. 25X1A6a

25X1A6a 4. The Station Chief in [REDACTED] has a fair foundation in [REDACTED]
25X1A6a [REDACTED] as well as [REDACTED] but has not had the opportunity
25X1A6a of steady practice and learning essential to facility in as difficult
25X1A6a a language as [REDACTED]. It is therefore considered essential that our
[REDACTED] representative become as expert as possible in [REDACTED], both to implement his current operations and to increase his effectiveness and potential value to future operations. 25X1A6a

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Originator: [REDACTED]

Deputy Chief, NEA: [REDACTED]

Chief, FBZ

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Handwritten: \$25.00 approved and approved for 10 months at \$20.00 per lesson